

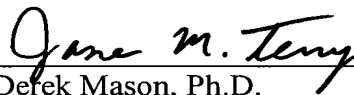
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the present application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of these claims. In accordance with the Examiner's instructions in the *Quayle Action* of the Office Action dated February 11, 2004, Applicants have amended Claims 1-6 to remove non-elected subject matter of Groups 2-4. Applicants also respectfully submit that the pending claims do not contain the subject matter of Group 5, in accordance with the Examiner's telephone conference with the undersigned representative on February 26, 2004.

Applicants submit that the present amendment now places Claims 1-11 in condition for allowance, and respectfully request early notice of such action. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if any further issues are found to remain in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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